

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving information identifying a payment account having at least one of an account-level and a corporate-level restriction on use;

identifying ~~an earlier~~ a first authorization request that involved said payment account, where said ~~earlier~~ first authorization request was declined for a ~~prior~~ first purchase transaction for failing to comply with said at least one of an account-level and a corporate -level restriction on use; and

creating, in response to said declined first authorization request, a manual authorization record for said payment account and said first purchase transaction using based on information from said ~~earlier~~ first authorization request, ~~said manual authorization record; and~~

temporarily overriding said at least one of an account-level and a corporate-level restriction on use and allowing approval of a second authorization request involving said payment account and said a second purchase transaction that complies with terms of said manual authorization record, including matching information from said first authorization request.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said payment account is associated with a purchasing card issued to a purchasing entity having a program administrator.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said manual authorization record is created in response to a request by said program administrator.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said payment account is associated with at least one of merchant category code (MCC), account-level, a corporate-level, and standard industrial code (SIC) authorization controls.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said first authorization request is declined based on a failure of said first purchase transaction to comply with at least one of said MCC, said account-level, said corporate-level, and said SIC authorization controls associated with said payment account.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein said manual authorization record operates to override at least one of said MCC, said account-level, said corporate-level, and said SIC authorization controls associated with said payment account.

7. – 9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory in communication with said processor and storing instructions for operating said processor to:

receive an earlier a first authorization request ~~message~~, said earlier first authorization request ~~message~~ identifying a payment account having at least one of an account-level and a corporate-level restriction on use and identifying terms of a ~~prior~~ first purchase transaction;

~~declining~~ decline said ~~earlier~~ first authorization request ~~message~~ based on a failure of said terms of said ~~prior~~ first purchase transaction to comply with said at least one of an account-level and a corporate –level restriction on use;

~~establishing~~ establish, in response to said declined first authorization request, a manual authorization record for said payment account and ~~said~~ a second purchase transaction including information from said ~~earlier~~ first authorization request ~~message~~; and

~~authorizing~~ receive a ~~subsequent~~ second authorization request ~~message~~ associated with said payment account; and

approve said second authorization request to temporarily override said at least one of an account-level and a corporate–level restriction on use by comparing terms of ~~said subsequent~~ a second purchase transaction with said manual authorization record in the instance terms of said second purchase transaction comply with said manual authorization record, including information from said first authorization request.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said payment account is associated with a purchasing card issued to a purchasing entity having a program administrator.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said manual authorization record is created in response to a request by said program administrator.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said payment account is associated with at least one of a merchant category code (MCC), account-level, corporate-level, and standard industrial code (SIC) authorization controls.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said first authorization request is declined based on a failure of said ~~prior~~ first purchase transaction to comply with said at least one of MCC, account-level, corporate-level, and SIC authorization controls.

15. (Canceled)